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SUBJECT: KHMER REPRESENTATION AT UNGA

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BEGIN SUMMARY: JAPANESE HAVE MADE DEMARCHE IN LAGOS
SUPPORTING DEFERRAL OF KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE AND
EMERGED MODERATELY ENCOURAGED. BELIEVE FOLLOW-UP US
APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE IN NEW YORK FOR BEST RESULTS.
END SUMMARY

1. JAPANESE CHARGE SAW MEA DEPUTY PERMSEC DOV-EDWIN
MORNING DECEMBER 3 FOR DEMARCHE "ON BEHALF ASIAN NATIONS
CONCERNED" FAVORING DEFERRAL HEMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE
AT UNGA ALONG LINES OUTLINED REFTTEL. ACCORDING CHARGE,
DOVE-EDWIN AFFIRMED THAT FMG DECISION TO ABSTAIN ON
KHMER REPRESENTATION ALREADY COMMUNICATED TO US AND TO
JAPANESE (LAGOS 9063 AND 9474) IS FIRM, BUT ADDED THAT FMG
"APPRECIATED" POSSIBILITY THAT DEFERRAL MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE
ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF HANDLING ISSUE AT CURRENT SESSION.
CHARGE EMERGED FROM MEETING WITH DOVE-EDWIN MODERATELY HOPEFUL
THAT NIGERIANS MIGHT SUPPORT DEFERRAL BUT CONVINCED THAT
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FINAL DECISION WILL DEPEND ON TACTICAL SITUATION IN NEW YORK.

2. JAPANESE CHARGE REMARKED THAT DOVE-EDWIN APPEARED SLIGHTLY ANNOYED AT SECOND DEMARCHE WITHIN ONE WEEK ON SAME SUBJECT. HE HAD HOPED AVOID GOING BACK TO DEPUTY PERMSEC BUT WAS FORCED TO DO SO BY ABSENCE DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT ADENIJI, WHO HAS JUST FLOWN TO NEW YORK FOR LOS MEETINGS.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE US FOLLOW-UP IN LAGOS WOULD SERVE ONLY TO INCREASE DOVE-EDWIN'S IRRITATION. NIGERIAN UN DELEGATION WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY HAVE CARTE BLANCHE TO VOTE ACCORDING TO ITS JUDGMENT OF TACTICAL SITUATION IN UNGA ON THIS ISSUE, ESPECIALLY WITH ADENIJI IN NEW YORK. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST USUN RAISE ISSUE WITH ADENIJI OR OTHER APPROPRIATE MEMBER OF DELEGATION, TAKING LINE THAT DEFERRAL APPEARS BEST WAY GET NIGERIA "OFF THE HOOK" ON ISSUE WHICH IT FINDS UNCOMFORTABLE AND WHERE FMG'S VITAL INTERESTS ARE NOT INVOLVED. DOVE-EDWIN'S REACTION TO JAPANESE APPROACH, COMBINED WITH KNOWN NIGERIAN PREFERENCE TO SEE THIS ONE DISAPPEAR QUIETLY, OFFER HOPE NIGERIANS MAY YET BE HELPFUL ON DEFERRAL PROPOSAL.
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